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TAGS: EAIR, ICAO, GT

SUBJ: INVESTIGATIONS OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS

REF: A-3921

1. GUATEMALA HAS NO REGULATIONS FOR INVESTIGATING CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS THOUGH SUCH REGULATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING DRAFTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOURTH EDITION OF ICAO ANNEX 13. INVESTIGATIONS AND REPORTS OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS ARE ROUTINELY DONE BY THE GOG USING ANNEX 13 AS A GUIDE.

2. GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS STATE THAT NO CHART EXISTS NOR IS NECESSARY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF ITS INVESTIGATORY AGENCY. INVESTIGATIONS OF ACCIDENTS ARE REGULARLY DONE BY TWO MEMBERS OF OPERATIONS DIVISION OF VERY SMALL DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS WHICH IS UNDER MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS. THESE INVESTIGATORS ARE USUALLY ACCOMPANIED BY ONE OR TWO EXPERTS FROM THE GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE. CURRENT RELEVANT NAMES AND TITLES ARE: INGENIERO RICARDO ARGUEDAS M., MINISTRO DE COMUNICACIONES Y OBRAS PUBLICAS; CORONEL RAUL ALVAREZ B., DIRECTOR DE DIRECCION GENERAL DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL; RAFAEL MENENDEZ C., JEFE DE OPERACIONES, DGAC.

3. GUATEMALAN OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE A COPY OF PERTINENT US REGULATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHARTS. PLEASE FORWARD THROUGH THE EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION.

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